

In response to NAB's petition 04-160, I can only relate a story:
As I left my house south of Nashville to drive downtown, I drove into a terrible storm that I later found out had spawned several tornados. In my attempt to protect myself and my family, I turned off my XM satellite radio to tune to local stations and receive a weather report.

In the 15 minutes I spent looking for a report, I learned many things. The Car King was having a sale, as was the Mattress King. 3 DJ's living in Georgia (S. Carolina?) were having a good time making fun of some poor person in a news story. Verizon has great cell coverage and "we can hear him now". Kroger was having a sale on meat, and it turns out you can get a great deal on Lasik surgery around here.

2 stations of the 18 I tried (AM and FM) actually were playing a song. NONE of them made any mention to the fact that people's lives were in jeopardy. In disgust I turned my XM radio back on (this was before Traffic and Weather) and used my cell phone while driving to get the weather and find out the storms had already past (why isn't the NAB after cell phone services?).

AM/FM has failed miserably. Please disregard NAB's petition 04-160 and let us continue to pay for a service that is timely and far more valuable than knowing I can get my brakes done for cheap this weekend...